

A No, sir.

Q With a bullet in it?

A As far as I can remember.

Q Now, did you ever fire it off with blank cartridges?

A Lots of times.

Q Do you remember where you did that - well, was it around the house or was it at the fire house or where was it?

A Sometimes it was during a Fourth of July, anywhere at all in the streets just the way anybody else would have done; that was prior to the time, - up to the time when they were not allowed you know; there has been a law against that they claim.

Q Then you mean for a year or two before 1922 you had not even fired it off with blank cartridges?

A Yes, sir, and I tell you why.

Q No, no; that will appear as to which you mean; do you mean that you had fired off blank cartridges in that pistol within two or three years?

A To my recollection.

Q What?

A That I -- let me see -- no, I don't think I did. I was going to tell you why that was. The reason. I said I will tell you why: because I had kept those

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